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1. ON THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL IRAQI HOLIDAYS ALL GOI OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1976 (LUNAR CALENDAR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS CANNOT BE FORECAST PRECISELY, HENCE ARE INDICATED O/A): JANUARY 1 (CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR); O/A JANUARY 3 (ISLAMIC NEW YEAR); JANUARY 6 (IRAQI ARMY DAY); O/A JANUARY 14 (ASHORA DAY - MOHARRAM); FEBRUARY 8 (1963 "14TH OF RAMADAN" REVOLUTION); O/A MARCH 13 (PROPHET MOHAMMED'S BIRTHDAY); MARCH 21 (KURDISH NEW YEAR); MAY 1 (LABOR DAY); JULY 14 (1958 REVOLUTION); JULY 17 (1968 REVOLUTION); O/A SEPTEMBER 25 (ID AL-FITR - 3 DAYS); O/A DECEMBER 4 (ID AL-ADHA - 4 DAYS).

2. AMERICAN HOLIDAYS ON WHICH USINT WILL BE CLOSED: JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY); FEBRUARY 16 (WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY); MAY 31 (MEMORIAL DAY); JULY 4 (INDEPENDENCE DAY); SEPTEMBER 5 (LABOR DAY); OCTOBER 11 (COLUMBUS DAY); OCTOBER 25 (VETERANS DAY); NOVEMBER 25 (THANKSGIVING); DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY).

3. IN ADDITION, EVERY FRIDAY OF THE YEAR IS THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY DAY OF REST FOR ALL IRAQI GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BUSINESS AFFAIRS. USINT WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS BUT WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS WHICH IS A NORMAL WORKDAY IN IRAQ.

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